HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
1935

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the twelve months ended 31st December, 1935.

I. GENERAL STATISTICS.

AREA (acres) : 4288.

POPULATION : 1935 Estimated 2934.

Number of inhabited houses (1935) 913.
Rateable Value £9924.
Produce of a Penny Rate. No. 1 District, £29 16s. 0d.
No. 2 District, £6 18s. 0d.
Total £36 14s. 0d.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS INCLUDING THE CHIEF OCCUPATIONS OF THE INHABITANTS AND THE INFLUENCE OF ANY PARTICULAR OCCUPATION ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Mat Making and Agricultural Work.

II. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS. The number of births registered during the year was 40 (Males 22, Females 18, two of these being illegitimate. The birth rate calculated to a population of 2934 is 13.6 per thousand as compared with 14.7 for England and Wales.

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
BIRTHS ...	62	60	51	46	46	41	42	55	41	44	40
BIRTH-RATE ...	20.17	19.35	16.45	14.83	14.83	13.23	14.34	18.77	13.9	14.9	13.6

DEATHS. The number of deaths registered in and transferred to this district was 40 (Males 24, Females 16). 22 died over the age of 70, 8 of these being over the age of 80 years or 20 per cent. of the total deaths. The death-rate calculated to a population of 2934 is 13.6 per thousand as compared with 11.7 for England and Wales.

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
DEATHS ...	39	44	48	36	40	37	45	56	38	31	40
DEATH-RATE ...	12.69	14.19	15.48	11.61	12.9	11.9	15.36	19.11	12.9	10.5	13.6

INFANT MORTALITY. Two children died under the age of one year giving a death-rate of 50 per thousand births as compared with 57 for England and Wales.

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
DEATH-RATE ...	16.13	46.87	117.64	87.95	21.73	—	23.80	72.72	48.78	22.7	50.0

III. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT.

HOSPITALS. There are no Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or County Council in the District.

There is an arrangement with the Ipswich Borough Isolation Hospital Authority for the reception of cases of Infectious Diseases occuring in the District.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(a) An arrangement exists with the Ipswich Borough for the use of Ambulance for conveying cases of Infectious Diseases.

(b) There are no Ambulance Facilities for Non-Infectious and Accident Cases.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. Maternity and Child Welfare Centre monthly by the West Suffolk County Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY. One part-time Medical Officer of Health and one part-time Sanitary Inspector. Contributions towards salaries from the Ministry of Health through the County Council.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

(a) General. Two District Nurses provided by the Nursing Association. Funds obtained locally. Both Nurses are qualified to act as Midwives.

(b) Infectious Diseases. Nil.

MIDWIVES. No Midwives are employed or subsidised by the Local Authority. Number of Midwives practising in the district. Nil.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

Local Acts. Nil.
Special Local Orders. Nil.
General Adoptive Acts. February, 1924. Sec. 92, Public Health Act, 1907.
Byelaws. 11th January, 1870. These byelaws were revised and building byelaws and byelaws respecting drainage of existing buildings adopted in 1933. Water Rules and Regulations were adopted by the Council in April, 1931.

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IV. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER. The Water Supply Scheme for the Town was completed in 1931, and connections to houses and other premises have been proceeded with. Up to the end of the year a total of 312 services had been laid supplying water to 396 houses in addition to other premises. 21 extra services were laid during the year supplying 47 houses and other premises. An existing deep borehole was purchased in Angel Street during the year to augment the existing supply in Lady Lane. A pump house was erected and an electrically driven pump installed. This is a great addition to the water supply and the two pumps give approximately 8500 gallons per hour.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. The Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme for the Town was completed at the end of 1932. Particulars of new drainage to the Sewers are given below. 32 further connections to the Sewer were made during the year.

CESSPOOLS, PRIVIES AND PAIL CLOSETS. The emptying of these is still undertaken by the Council with a scale of charges on the occupants of the houses. During the year the following were emptied by the Council's Plant.

Cesspools	...	36
Privies	...	56
Pails	...	2859

These figures are decreasing as connections to the Sewer are made.

SCAVENGING. The arrangements for the removal and disposal of house refuse remain the same, the refuse being collected once and in some parts of the district twice per week, and taken to a satisfactory dump out of the Town by a Contractor.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Visits of Inspection	...	307
Factories and Workshops	...	10
Butchers' Shops and Slaughter Houses	...	27
Dairies and Cowsheds	...	18
Bakehouses	...	10
INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED ON OWNERS AND OTHERS	...	37
INFORMAL NOTICES COMPLIED WITH	...	28
FORMAL NOTICES SERVED (consideration of demolition orders 5 years housing programme)	...	16
FORMAL NOTICES COMPLIED WITH	...	—

WORK DONE UNDER NOTICES TO OWNERS AND OTHERS, AND WITHOUT NOTICES.

New Drainage to Sewer (representing 57 houses and 18 other premises	...	32
New W.C.'s	...	71
New baths	...	18
New sinks	...	24
New lavatory basins	...	9
Existing W.C.'s connected to Sewer	...	4
Existing Baths connected to Sewer	...	5
Existing Sinks connected to Sewer	...	26
Existing Wash Basins connected to Sewer	...	9
Number of cesspools filled in	...	6
Number of privy pits filled in	...	24
Number of pail closets discontinued	...	31
Repairs to roofs	...	1
Repairs to chimneys	...	2
Rooms disinfected	...	3
Sewer ditches cleaned out	...	5
Floors repaired	...	1
Other nuisances abated	...	2
Privy pits emptied	...	7
Number of yard and other gullies provided other than for bath or sink wastes	...	7
R.W. gutters repaired	...	2
Drinking water wells cleaned out	...	1
Drinking water wells protected	...	1
New portable ranges	...	1
New urinals	...	1
Slaughter houses cleansed	...	1
Offal removed	...	1
Bakehouses limewashed	...	1
Cowsheds limewashed	...	2

V. HOUSING STATISTICS.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

(a) Total including number given separately under *(b)*	...	9
(b) With State assistance under Housing Acts	...	—
(1) By Local Authority	...	8
(2) By other bodies or persons	...	1

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1) *(a)* Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	41
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	41
(2) *(a)* Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	...	6

(b) Number of inspections made for that purpose ... 6

(c) Number of re-inspections under Sec. 19 Housing Act 1930 not included in sub-heading (1) above ... 17

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... —

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 27

(2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 14

(3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... —

Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :— By Owners :— ... —

Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21, Housing Act, 1930 :—

Notices served on Owners of Council's decision to consider Demolition Orders (5 years programme) ... 15

Demolition Orders made ... 1

(4) NUMBER OF HOUSES OWNED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY—68.

1914 - 8. 1919 - 24. 1927 - 12. 1929 - 16. 1935 - 8. Total 68.

(5) Two Clearance Areas were declared in Angel Street in 1933 covering 16 houses in addition to 2 cottages with closing orders in force and other buildings. One clearance scheme completed, 8 new houses erected and occupied and 8 houses demolished. Second scheme nearly completed.

VI. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY. The Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, is been administered in the District. No additional registrations during the year. Four samples of milk were taken for analysis on instructions of the County Medical Officer. One supplementary Licence renewed for Pasteurised Milk. During the last two or three years the samples have shown a high degree of cleanliness, the bacteria count in most cases being very low.

(b) MEAT. Notifications are received as to day and time of slaughtering and inspections of slaughter houses and butchers' shops made as often as possible.

VII. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The deaths caused by the following diseases during 1935 and the previous years were :—

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
Respiratory ...	3	1	14	4	6	3	4	2	2	3	2
Cancer ...	4	5	3	3	3	6	8	6	1	3	4
Tuberculosis ...	—	2	1	1	—	4	3	2	1	3	1
Enteric Fever (not previously reported)	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Measles (all ages) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhœa (under 2 years) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	—	2	—	1	1	2	5	1	1	—	—
Other Causes ...	33	34	30	27	30	21	24	45	33	22	33

Opthalmia Neonatorum. No Cases Notified.

VIII. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) 1935.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Pneumonia	1	—	—
Scarlet Fever	1	—	—

IX. PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

No action taken.

X. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925, SECTION 62.

No action was taken under Section 62 in regard to orders for compulsory removal of cases of Tuberculosis to Hospital.

XI. RATS.

2080 Rats were killed and brought in during the year.

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